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Honorable Lee H. Hamilton, Chairman
Special Subcommittee on Investigations
Committee on International Relations
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have been advised of the very fine opening statement you made on 13 May 1975 on the necessity of protecting the substantive intelligence information provided by CIA in executive sessions of your Subcommittee. Also, I appreciate your call of assurance following the leakage and, indeed, misrepresentation of an earlier Agency briefing of your Subcommittee.

It is my firm belief that the product of this Agency's informational and analytical capabilities can and should be shared with the Congress. Statements such as yours of 13 May 1975, by recognizing the classified and nonpolitical nature of our contribution, foster a climate conducive to such sharing.

Please be assured of our interest in continued cooperation with your Subcommittee.

Sincerely,

W. E. Colby

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Director

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